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SUBJ: DEA'S SPACE PROBLEM

1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER SURPRISED RECOMMENDATION IN UNDATED REPORT FROM NAU OFFICER JOE MCLAUGHLIN THAT EXPERIENCED SPACE PLANNERS BE SENT FROM WASHICGTON TO TRY FIND SUITABLE SPACE FOR DEA WITHIN CONSULATE BUILDING.

2. AS EMBASSY INFORMED IN MAZATLAN'S WIRENOTE MARCH 23, 1976, SAIC, DEA MAZATLAN, ADVISED CONOFF THAT HE WAS PLANNING RENT SPACE OUTSIDE CONSULATE AND STATED THAT HE WISHED VACATE SPACE THEN OCCUPIED BY JUNE 1, 1976. THIS INTENTION CONFIRMED IN SEVERAL LATER CONVERSATIONS WHEN CONSUL ADVISED DEA SAIC THAT SHE ALSO SEEKING IMPROVED SPACE ELSEWHERE AND DID HE WISH BE INCLUDED. SAIC REITERATED INTENTION SEEK QUARTERS AWAY FROM CONSULATE.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, NO CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO ALLOCATING SPACE DEA IN NEW CONSULAR QUARTERS. SOMETIME AGO, TEMPORARY SAIC RON PETTINGILL REQUESTED 1200 SQUARE FEET OFFICE SPACE AND WAS INFORMED THAT CONSULATE UNABLE PROVIDE, AS NEW BUILDING ENTIRELY UTILIZED AND NECESSARY USE HALF OF GARAGE FOR STORAGE.O

4. IN COOPERATION WITH PETTINGILL, PRINCIPAL OFFICER LOCATED SEVERAL SITES FOR DEA, ONE OF WHICH IS NEAR PRESENT CONSULATE LOCATION. THIS SITE HAS BEEN VISITED BY DEA REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CHARETTE WHO TOLD PRINCIPAL OFFICER SITE WAS WHOLLY SATISFACTORY AND HE WAS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL.

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5. CONSUL REALIZES THAT IDEAL SITUATION WOULD BE TO HAVE
CONSULATE AND DEA UNDER ONE ROOF, BUT SINCE THIS ARRANGEMENT
NOW IMPOSSIBLE SECOND BEST WOULD BE FOR DEA TO AVAIL THEMSELVES
OF OPPORTUNITY RENT ABOVE REFERENCED QUARTERS NEAR NEW CONSULATE
SITE FROM WHICH EXPEDIENT MESSENGER SERVICE COULD BE ESTABLISHED.
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